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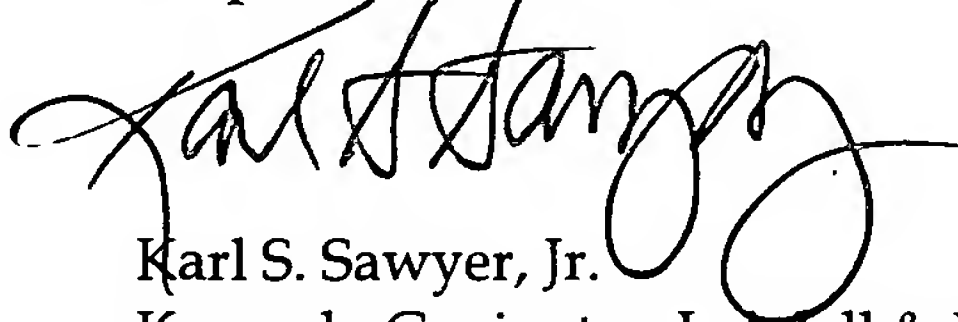
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Sir:

In compliance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. A PTO Form 1449 listing references known to the applicant is attached. A copy of the German patents are enclosed, and the U.S. Patent corresponding to DE 3837733 is listed on the attached PTO-1449. English abstracts are attached to the German patents which do not have a corresponding English language patent.

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